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April 30, 1997

Mr. Robert L. Schrenk, Supervisor
Kootenai National Forest
506 US Highway 2 West
Libby, Montana 59923

Re: Basin Creek Final
Environmental Impact Statement
and Record of Decision

Dear Mr. Schrenk:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Montana Office (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

The EPA believes that the FEIS and ROD adequately responds to our concerns on the DEIS. We are pleased with the selection of Alternative 4 with Modifications in the ROD.

The EPA appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the FEIS and ROD. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Steve Potts of my staff in Helena at (406) 441-1140 ext. 232.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Wardell".

John F. Wardell
Director
Montana Office

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